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YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NEGOTIATIONS OF ITEM VI LANGUAGE
RAN INTO RESISTANCE IN INDONESIA AND KOREA WHEN GOVERN-
MENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES CONCLUDED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF
LANGUAGE IN AGREEMENT WOULD BRAND THEM AS GROSS HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATORS. BOTH CASES RECEIVED PRESS ATTENTION
WHICH ACCENTUATED THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS WITH THE HOST
GOVERNMENT. SIDE LETTER ARRANGEMENTS AND MODIFIED LANGUA-
GE WERE EVENTUALLY WORKED OUT TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. ON OTHER
HAND WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED ITEM VI LANGUAGE
DIRECTLY INTO RECENT PL-480 AGREEMENTS WITH SOME OTHER
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COUNTRIES SUCH AS BANGLADESH, SOMALIA, ETC. AND WOULD
MUCH PREFER THIS APPROACH WITH PHILIPPINES. IF YOU MEET
RESISTANCE ON THIS POINT, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. VANCE

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